The CASE of the Glaſs-makers *in and about the City of* London.

I. THE *Glaſs* Manufacture is very beneficial and advantagious to this Nation, and might be much more improv'd, if ſufficiently encourag'd, and much greater Quantities exported, if Foreigners were not enabled to underſell us in Foreign Markets; which they can do, not only from the high Duties on *Salt Petre*, *Berilla*, *Foreign Aſhes*, and other Materials uſed in the ſaid Manufacture, but from the Difference between the Duties on our own *Coals* brought *Coaſtwiſe*, particularly into the *Port of London*, and on thoſe exported *abroad*.

N.B. *Saltpetre is double the Value in* London *to what it is in* Holland.

	s.	*d.*
The ſeveral Duties on *Coals* ſpent at *London*, amount to *per Chaldron*	9	2
The Duty on *Coals* exported, (if laid on *London Meaſure*) is but *per Chaldr.*	3	0
The Difference in favour of *Foreigners*, is *per Caldr.*	6	2

Which conſidering the great Quantity of Coals ſpent in the working of a ſmall Quantity of Glaſs, makes a very great Difference in the Value of it when wrought.

II. Beſides the Advantage given to *Foreigners*, by furniſhing them with Materials for underworking us at cheaper Prices than to our Natives; the Duties on Exportation of *Britiſh* Glaſs is a great Hindrance to its being exported abroad, whilſt the *French King*, for the enabling his Subjects to afford their Glaſs cheap, gives to the Manufacturers thereof their Fewel *gratis*.

III. As there are continually new Manufactures of *Glaſs* ſetting up in the Northern Parts of *Europe*, particularly *Muſcovy*, *Hamburgh*, *Pruſſia*, &c. it is neceſſary alſo to regulate the Duties on *Foreign Glaſs imported*, ſo as that Foreigners may not be enabled to underſell us *at home* as well as *abroad*, which would be the total Ruin of the Manufacture.

IV. The Duties now laid on the *Importation* of Foreign Glaſs are ſome of them *too low*, particularly thoſe on *Normandy* or *Crown Glaſs*, which as the Duties now ſtand would in Time of Peace be imported cheaper from *France* than our *own Crown Glaſs* can be afforded at; and others of them, particularly all Looking-glaſs Plates of above 12 Inches in Length (which was the largeſt Size known when the *Act of Tonnage and Poundage* paſſed) pay Duties *ad valorem*, which is to be proved by the *Oaths of the Importers*; and there are but too many Inſtances to prove, that ſuch *Oaths* are little regarded, whereby the Intent of the Duties will be loſt. Whereas were the low Duties advanc'd, and the Duties now laid *ad Valorem* put upon the *Meaſure and Size*, according to which the Value of Glaſs Plates is ſettled, the ſame would effectually prevent any Colluſion or Avoidance of the Duties.

The Glaſs-makers therefore humbly pray the Honourable Houſe of Commons to give them ſuch Relief in the Duties abovementioned, as they ſhall think moſt proper for the Encouragement of ſo uſeful a Manufacture.

THE CASE OF THE *Glaſs-makers,*

Relating to the Duties on COALS, and on GLASS Exported and Imported.